

# **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

**December 19, 2017**

*The City Council also sits as the Lemon Grove Housing Authority, Lemon Grove Sanitation District Board, Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District Board, and Lemon Grove Successor Agency*

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## **Call to Order**

City Councilmembers present: Mayor Racquel Vasquez, Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Mendoza, Councilmember David Arambula, Councilmember Jerry Jones, and Councilmember Matt Mendoza.

City Councilmembers absent: None.

City Staff present: City Manager, Lydia Romero; Sheriff's Department Lieutenant, Scott Amos; Development Services Director, David De Vries; Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director, Mike James; Deputy City Attorney, Kristen Steinke ; and Fire Chief, Colin Stowell.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza.

## **Presentations**

Lemon Grove History Minute #10 was presented that featured Isle Hanning, former Principal of Golden Avenue School.

Mayor Vasquez provided a proclamation that honored Marcos Ortega on the occasion of his retirement from Marcos' Jewelry.

Vanessa Mapula Garcia, Senior Public Affairs Manager SDG&E, provided a presentation of their innovative programs and overview of goals for the safest, cleanest, and most reliable energy.

San Diego Sheriff's Department Commander, Dave Moss and Lieutenant, Scott Amos, provided a presentation of the San Diego Sheriff Department Body Worn Cameras program, which included storage solutions, deployment status, policies and procedures.

## **Public Comment**

Sapphire Blackwood, Director of Public Affairs Cannabis Professionals, reported on a recent meeting with David De Vries and Lydia Romero, regarding their process in obtaining a conditional use permit.

Chris Williams reported that he is an applicant for a medical marijuana dispensary and believed he had passed the zoning clearance process. He provided the City with a complete application, however, his fee was not accepted.

## **1. Consent Calendar**

### **A. Approval of City Council Minutes**

October 3, 2017 Regular Meeting  
November 7, 2017 Regular Meeting  
November 14, 2017 Special Meeting

### **B. Ratification of Payment Demands**

### **C. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda**

### **D. Annual Update to the Appointment List**

### **E. Local Agency Improvement Fee Report (Fiscal Year 2016-2017) as Required by California Government Code Section 66006**

### **F. Mayor Pro Tem Rotation**

**Action: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the Consent Calendar passed, by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Vasquez, J. Mendoza, Arambula, Jones, M. Mendoza**

## **2. Lemon Grove Little League Memorandum of Understanding**

Mike James reported that the City of Lemon Grove and Lemon Grove Little League (LGLL) have collaborated to provide youth sports services since the City first incorporated in 1977. This partnership pre-dates the existence of the City. The City assumed the agreement that was previously established by the County of San Diego and the LGLL, for the use of the ballfields and facilities, at the Monterey Heights Park.

Staff created a revised draft agreement that included the requested amendments from LGLL, with language that provides clarity about the roles and responsibility of both parties moving forward. The draft agreement has been reviewed by LGLL leadership, but has not been approved by the LGLL Board of Directors.

At a City Council meeting in October 2017, the LGLL provided public comment that discussed their financial needs that need to be resolved, before beginning the season. The two reasons that drove the fiscal need for the LGLL, are due to field maintenance and water usage.

For the LGLL to begin the season without pre-existing debt and fields that will be playable the total estimated need is between, \$8,003 and \$11,968. The lower amounts equals the LGLL cost estimate to maintain the fields, with its previously used contractor and the amount due to Helix Water District.

There was a slope failure on Field 2, a City owned property. The slope was likely caused by a faulty irrigation line that saturated the slope. This resulted in an area approximately 60' by 100' failing and damaging the outfield. Because the City owned the property and the LGLL had no resources to contribute to the repair of the slope, City staff moved forward with an emergency repair to the slope that cost \$27,568.

Mr. James recommended the creation of a volunteer project, to prepare the fields for the upcoming season. Also, he believes it is critical that an irrigation audit is performed, to insure that all future water usage is efficiently managed. The City's cost to perform an irrigation audit on the City owned Field 1-2 is \$570 and Field 3-5 is \$870.

Matthew Pendleton, Little League Vice President, was available for questions.

Public Speaker(s)

There were no requests from the public to speak.

**Action: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Jones, that directed staff to conduct the irrigation audit, create a volunteer program to assist with field maintenance, and adopt the resolution approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the Lemon Grove Little League passed, by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Vasquez, J. Mendoza, Arambula, Jones, M. Mendoza**

**Resolution No. 2017** - Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the Lemon Grove Little League

Councilmember Arambula requested that a future City Council meeting agenda contain, an agenda item to discuss Lemon Grove Little League's water bill, along with discussion regarding smart meter installation.

**3. Ordinance Amending Lemon Grove Municipal Code Sections in Titles 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) and 12 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places) to Adjust Membership of the Traffic Advisory Committee and Make Various Other Technical Changes**

**Action: Motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza, to conduct the second reading by title and adopt Ordinance No. 447 passed, by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Vasquez, J. Mendoza, Arambula, Jones, M. Mendoza**

**Ordinance No. 447:** An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California, Amending Lemon Grove Municipal Code Amending Lemon Grove Municipal Code Sections in Titles 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) and 12 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places) to Adjust Membership of the Traffic Advisory Committee and Make Various other Technical Changes

**4. Appointment of City Councilmembers to Committees, Commissions and Boards**

Mayor Vasquez explained that this item is for the appointments on various regional commissions, boards, and committees, throughout the County. She read each of the proposed appointments and confirmed those appointments with the appointed City Councilmembers.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza suggested that Councilmember Arambula serve as the primary representative on the Heartland Communications Authority Board and she could serve as alternate.

Public Speaker(s)

Dr. George Linzey commented on the leadership at SANDAG.

**Action: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Arambula, to approve the proposed appointments passed, by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Vasquez, J. Mendoza, Arambula, M. Mendoza**

**Noes: Jones**

**City Council Oral Comments and Reports on Meetings Attended at the Expense of the City. (GC 53232.3 (d))**

Councilmember Jones had no reports this evening.

Councilmember Arambula had no reports this evening.

Councilmember M. Mendoza had no reports this evening.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza attended a SANDAG Transportation Committee meeting

Mayor Vasquez attended the bakers challenge, at the Lemon Grove Bakery and Senator Joel Anderson's Legislative Open House.

**Closed Session**

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One Case

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation City Manager

Closed Session Report: No reportable action was taken on either item.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.